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In The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of respective claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A probe of a medical instrument that is intended for insertion into a patient's body orifice, such probe has an inner surface and the outer surface which is shaped to contain at least one cavity encircled by a ridge.
2. (Currently Amended) A probe of claim 1 where said cavity is covered by outer thin skin that is permanently attached to said ~~outer surface~~ ridge.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) A probe of claim 3 ~~1~~ where said which contains multiple cavities being ~~are~~ randomly distributed along said outer surface.
5. (Original) A probe of claim 1 is fabricated of material having low thermal conductivity
6. (Original) A probe of claim 1 further comprises a polymer probe cover that envelopes said outer surface.
7. (Original) A method of thermal insulation of a medical probe, comprising a step of forming indentations on the outer surface of the probe.
8. (Currently Amended) A method of thermal insulation of a medical probe of claim 7, further comprising a step of covering said indentations with a layer of thin protective material having low thermal conductivity.